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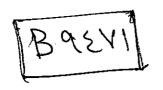
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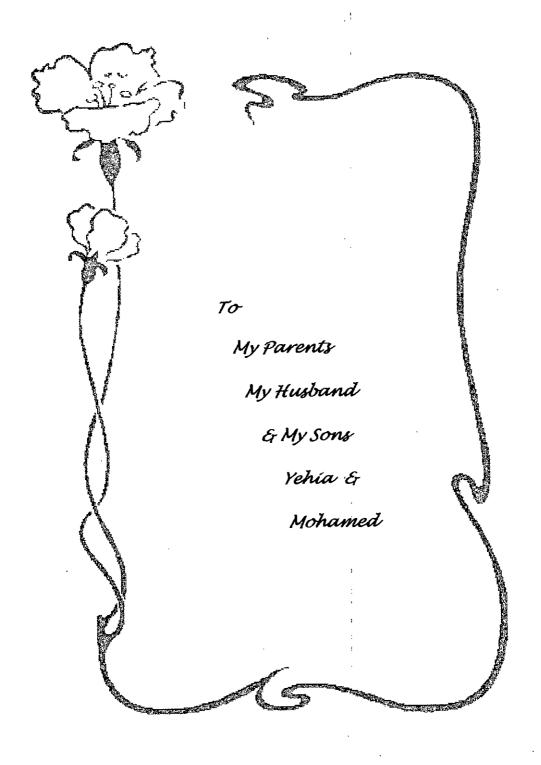
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Abstract

Cytokine Production by Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells of Schistosomiasis Patients.

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Abstract:

This work was conducted in order to study and compare the T helper-1 (Th1), Interferon-γ (IFN-γ) and T helper-2 (Th2), Interleukin-4 (IL-4), cytokine production by Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells (PBMC) as well as the humoral IgG response to Sm20.8, a candidate vaccine antigen and soluble egg antigens (SEA) in the context of natural human infections.

The study was carried out on 20 patients infected with Schistosoma mansoni (8 hepatointestinal and 12 hepatosplenic) and 15 normal control subjects

While patient IFN-γ levels for both the hepatointestinal and hepatosplenic groups were elevated compared to control, our study shows no further stimulation by the mitogen Con-A, SEA or the recombinant antigen Sm 20.8. On the other hand IL-4 was somewhat stimulated in response to the three stimulants however the elevation approached significant levels only in cases of

hepatointestinal and hepatosplenic patients stimulated with the Sm 20.8 antigen. Serum from patients of both groups also displayed significant IgG responses to both Sm 20.8 and SEA. It therefore appears that recombinant Sm 20.8 is recognized by the humoral as well as the Th2 component of the cellular system which is the dominant response in schistosomiasis patients. Sm 20.8 is therefore likely to contribute good protective epitopes to a subunit vaccine designed to stimulate protective responses.

Keywords:

Schistosomiasis, *Schistosoma mansoni*, cytokine, Th-1, IFN-γ, Th-2, IL- 4, PBMC, IgG, IgG subclasses, IgE, recombinant vaccine candidate.